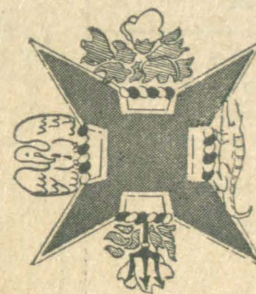


Col. O. W. McNeese, 31st Division Public Relations Officer, addressed the Palatka Kiwanis Club Wednesday noon at its weekly luncheon. Subject of the talk was "Relations of Camp Blanding Men and Palatka."



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Big Guns Roar For First Time

Seventy-Fives Lead Parade of Field Artillery as Fifty-Sixth Brigade Fires First Large Calibre Gun on New Range

Big guns of the Field Artillery units boomed for the first time this week when the 116th and 117th regiments aimed their 75 mm pieces on the artillery range Monday.

In the vicinity of Sand Hill Lake, north of the camp, the guns were wheeled into position at Magnolia Lake and prepared to hurl their mighty force over Sand Hill, a distance of 5,000 yards. Placements of weapons were on two lines, the 116th being on one side of the lake 500 yards to the rear of the 117th. Guns of both regiments were trained on the same targets. Officers and enlisted men took positions four hundred yards back of the targets in specially constructed concrete dug-outs, to direct firing. Both radio and telephones were used in the relaying of instructions to the gunning crews.

Rumbling of the heavy weapons began early in the morning as Col. Arthur B. Jeffries, commander of the 117th Field Artillery and Col. Homer W. Hesterly, commander of the 116th regiment gave the commands to fire. The firing lasted all day, with both regiments using 75mm shrapnell shells.

Reports from the commanding officers of both outfits on the outcome of the firing problems were highly favorable for the gunner crews. Other such tactic problems will be conducted more frequently from now on out, it is stated.

Safety Drive In 116th F. A.

Something new in the way of safety precautions is being tried out in the 116th Field Artillery. An order issued May 7 over the signature of Col. Homer W. Hesterly, regimental commander, forbids members of the 116th from riding motorcycles without side cars and states they must not ride in passenger cars at speeds in excess of 60 miles per hour either on or off the reservation. This applies to officers as well as enlisted men, both on duty and on leave.

Col. Hesterly spent the weekend at his home in Tampa, and took the opportunity to make a private reconnaissance on the highway situation. "It is regretted," he said Monday, "that the order has been violated over the weekend. About 50 percent of the autos observed were being driven well within the lawful speed of 45 miles an hour. Too many were traveling just a few miles in excess of 60 M. P. H., and several were seen going at very high speeds.

"This order," he continued, "was published with the approval of the division commander (General Persons) and must be observed by officers and enlisted men. All violators will be severely dealt with. This (the 116th) is about the only regiment in the 31st Division that has not suffered an accidental death as a result of automobile, motorcycle (without side car) or swimming accidents, but we have gotten by so far by some very narrow margins."

Col. Hesterly, a great safety enthusiast, flatly stated: "If we can, by taking every possible precaution, go through our tour of duty without a fatality, the reward will justify any inconvenience of the moment. All personnel is again cautioned against fast or careless driving."

New Crop

Selectee Perry Bailey, Battery C, 114th Field Artillery, is new to inspections and appeared for one attired in a wool uniform instead of the prescribed cotton khaki.

"Where's your cotton, soldier?" demanded the inspecting officer. "I haven't planted it yet, sir," replied the innocent private.

Dixie Soldier Describes Visit To State Prison

"A visit to Raiford—with return guaranteed—is an unusual experience," stated Staff Sergeant Karl D. Brown, Jr., on his return Sunday afternoon from the Florida State Prison, where he participated in a baseball game as third baseman for the Greenville, Fla., nine against the prison team. Brown is from the 116th Field Artillery, and his team was defeated by the convicts 14-7.

"I couldn't help contrasting the prison with the Army," he went on. "The prisoners have strict discipline. Although there are no non-coms, when the whistle blows ALL the prisoners fall in line without grumbling, pushing, or jostling and patiently file by the guards to be counted. None of them try to act tough—they ARE tough.

"Several negro trustees," he continued, "act as orderlies, K. P.'s, and so on. They carried our baseball uniforms and equipment from the front gate to the diamond, and between innings they served ice water in individual cups. The prison team is good enough to represent any town but is marked by a listless attitude of not caring whether they win or not. I heard lots of the inmates joke with each other about the time they have left to serve. One man who is 'practically a free man' has only two more years out of ten.

"The prison grounds and all buildings are clean but there is a dreary atmosphere in the cell blocks. It's decidedly not a place for a vacation. As one prisoner told me: 'Mister, if you gets in trouble and you've got any money, spend it. Get a good mouthpiece, don't save your money and get sent up.'"

Mississippi Ladies Organize for Soldiers

Mothers, sisters and sweethearts of men in Louisiana's 156th Inf., would like to have their soldier boys treated like they're treating the soldiers far away from home in their state.

The female backers of the regiment in the vicinity of Alexandria have formed an Auxiliary club which tries to make Army life a little more enjoyable to the soldiers in the neighboring camps by writing them letters, acting as partners for them at camp dances and serving on committees which are raising money to help them.

President of the Auxiliary club is Mrs. A. W. Bell, Sr., mother of Pfc. A. W. Bell, Jr., of the 156th's Service Co.

Ambitious Private Seeking Commission

Company B, 124th Infantry, is proud of their Filipino soldier, Private Marino Maramba, a native of the Philippine Islands inducted at Miami, Fla. Although Maramba is assigned to special duty at officers' mess, 124th, which means he has to do nothing but work in the mess hall, he still reports for all formations and hasn't missed a one to date. When asked why he showed so much interest in the field work and training, he explained it was his ambition to learn enough military knowledge to obtain a commission in the Philippine Scouts after he completes his training here. Maramba speaks several languages and his hobby is photography.

FOUND

FOUND—In the 124th Infantry Area, Company G, one brown leather billfold containing many papers bearing the name of George Huel Jones. Owner call at Press Section, 31st Division, Special Troops Dispensary.

To Dig A Fox Hole . . .



you lie flat, very flat on the ground and don't expose yourself. Here, Lt. Col. Peterson, Plans and Training officer, inspects the line of selectees in the middle of "digging in." They dig in deep enough so that a tank could run over them without injury.

TO THE 31ST DIVISION

The Division Commander takes pleasure in presenting to the members of the 31st Division the following letter from our Corps Commander: Dear General Persons:

It is a pleasure to convey to you, and through you to your Division, warmest congratulations upon the all around excellence of the review which was held on May 10, 1941.

There was every evidence of thorough and effective planning and preparation. The appearance, conduct and movements of the troops and vehicles were all exceptionally meritorious. The review in its entirety gave me the very definite impression of a high order of morale, efficiency and solidarity of which the 31st Division may well be proud.

Sincerely,
JAY L. BENEDICT,
Maj. Gen., U. S. A.
Commanding.

The confidence expressed in the 31st Division by the Corps Commander places on every man a great obligation to deserve and retain it. Your Division Commander is confident that you will not fail.

John C. Persons
Maj. Gen., U. S. A.

Soldiers Optimistic—Are Buying Civies

Credit for the newest business in the Division goes to first cook Ben Degeyter of Co. H, 156th Infantry. He has gone into the tailored suits for men business. The men will wear the suits, of course, when they get out of the army six months from now. (The cook is doing a big volume, it is reported.)

Versatile Sergeant Is Hit As Vocalist

Distinct hit of the 167th Infantry "Mothers and Sweethearts Dance" last Saturday night, was Technical Sgt. Edmond Franklin, who works in regimental headquarters and who sang with the regimental band at the dance.

Inside Workings of Department Explained By Intelligence Chief

By
Major F. W. Bradshaw
31st Division G-2

The intelligence units of the division might properly be called its eyes and ears. In combat each commander needs all of the information he can obtain about the enemy and the terrain before he can make a decision. This information is called COMBAT INTELLIGENCE, and is gathered both by line soldiers and the personnel of intelligence units.

Each infantry battalion has an intelligence section of eight enlisted men, commanded by an officer who is the battalion S-2. Each infantry regiment has an intelligence platoon of eighteen enlisted men, commanded by the regimental S-2. Each infantry brigade has an intelligence section of five enlisted men, commanded by the brigade S-2. The division has an intelligence section of seven enlisted men, commanded by the division G-2, and assistant G-2. In addition to the infantry intelligence units the artillery brigade and each of its

regiments and battalions has an S-2 and enlisted personnel, and there is an S-2 in the Engineer Regiment, and the Quartermaster Regiment.

The personnel of the intelligence units must be specially trained in such subjects as the procurement and care of maps; conventional signs, symbols and abbreviations; map and aerial photography reading; sketching; posting situation maps; making overlays; use of compass and field glasses; military organizations; (Continued on page three)

Artillery Band Will Broadcast From 43 Theatre

The 114th Field Artillery dance orchestra, under the direction of Pvt. 1cl Carl M. Johnstone, is scheduled to feature in a broadcast at the 43rd Division Theatre Monday evening, May 26, over stations WMBR, Jacksonville, and WFOY in St. Augustine. Program will begin at 9:00 P. M. and last thirty minutes.

The 114th swing outfit comprises thirteen experienced professional musicians, all former University of Mississippi members who have won high praise, both in their native state and for their camp performances, because of their versatility and talent. Pvt. Johnstone does the sweet vocals for the band, and Sgt. John (Buck) Brandt of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, is the scat number specialist. Featured in the orchestra's program will be a novel rendition of the popular "Alice".

Included in the roster of the Mississippi band are several members of the band which under Johnstone's direction toured Europe in the summer of 1939. One of the well-known specialists is Ennis Bailey, of Winona, Miss. Bailey has played his electric and Spanish guitar with Joe Venuti, Chic Scoggin and Herman Waldman, who needs no introduction to adhearts of swing, sweet and jive.

It is expected that many Mississippi stations will make a hook-up to catch their favorite music makers on the air waves and Warrant Officer Phillip J. Azzolina, director of the 43rd Division's entertainment broadcasts, is hopeful of having the programs broadcast by some of the larger chain stations. A complete program for the 114th's orchestra is being worked out and will be published in THE DIXIE when released.

Movie Star Grooms Soldiers On Trip

Members of the 3rd Battalion, 155th Infantry commanded by Lt.-Col. Fred E. Nicholson, returned from a week-end at Silver Springs talking:

About the Springs—said they were mighty pretty.

The girls—they were mighty pretty too, they said.

Spencer Tracy—now, there, they said, is a swell guy. Tracy was on location at Silver Springs for his next picture, "The Yearling." Many of the boys met him, shook his hand, got his autograph, found him quite sympathetic with the army and its cause, and equally pleased, they said, with working with gals like Hedy Lamarr.

Blackened Reputation? No, Just Soot

"Where there's smoke, there's fire," goes the old adage and confirmation comes from Private Grady Carr, shower-bath room orderly in Company I, 124th Infantry. Carr is conscientious and last week the water wasn't exactly the right temperature, so the orderly shoveled coal into the firebox until he was exhausted, but still the water would not warm up. Deciding to take a look into the firebox and see if anything could be wrong there, Carr opened the furnace door, and whoooooooh! the furnace ceiling fell into the fire throwing several bucketsful of soot, and fire and coals, too, on the unfortunate fireman. Carr says he was eligible for transfer into Ethiopian service. However, if the soap and water holds out he'll be clean again by next payday.

Moon Struck Private Must Be In Love

A beautiful full moon was shining when Pvt. James "Doc" Frittrig, 167th Med. Detachment, climbed into a taxi at "C" gate one night last week. "Where to?" asked the driver. "Just this side of that moon," slipped from Doc's mouth before he could snap himself out of the deep purple.

Division Moves On Surprise Orders

Rolling Canteen Tried Here

An innovation in field service was instituted this week by Post Exchange 12, situated on the 114th Field Artillery sector, when a rolling canteen was sent to the range where the artillerymen were shooting their 37s and .55s. This is the first time any outfit has been given field canteen service, and if proven a success, may be extended throughout the Camp. 2nd Lt. Henry C. Flanagan, in charge of the post exchange, and Guntner Watson, civilian manager, conceived the special service, and feel that it will ease the thirst and hunger—as well as provide reading matter—for the boys between the supper and morning messes.

Starke "Y" Will Expand Facilities

"The Army Y. M. C. A. in Starke, located at the corner of Walnut and Jefferson Streets, invites soldiers to employ their leisure time pleasantly and profitably by visiting the 'Y' when in town," executive secretary R. B. Wear stated this week. "The Y. M. C. A. has dedicated itself to good wholesome recreation for the more than 40,000 men stationed at Camp Blanding," he added.

The Starke "Y" has recently initiated an elaborate expansion program. The building was enlarged, more varieties of games provided, a canteen instituted, two women assistant secretaries added to the staff, and reading material added.

Mississippi soldiers will be the guests of honor at the Y. M. C. A. dance at the Starke Armory Saturday night, May 24. The dance will be a "thank you" from the Y. M. C. A. for contributions made by Mississippians for the decoration of the "Y's" interior. The 114th Field Artillery band has been asked to furnish music for the affair.

124th Cook Makes 99.5 Percent at School

Private Joseph B. Willett, of Company A, 124th Infantry, will undoubtedly make sure now that his company eats better than any other in the division, for Willett has just returned from a three months course at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., where he graduated with the second highest grade made by 218 students taking the mess sergeants, cooks and bakers course. His average was 99.5 percent. He completed a pastry course with an average of 93.7 percent. He received a 10 day furlough to his home in Mitmi, Fla.

Army-Civilian Life; Has Same Job

Private V. G. Wright of Company A, 156th Infantry is of the definite opinion that a change is the thing you need, occasionally. This private was a guard at a hospital in Jackson, Louisiana before he got in the army. After he got in the army, he got sick and was sent to the hospital for two and a half months. He did this time in pretty fair condition, came back to the company street feeling good over getting the switch. But, Private Wright was all wrong—he was immediately assigned to special duty at the station hospital, for an indefinite time!

Dixie Players Choose Play

The Dixie Players, 31st Div. Dramatic club, will produce a farce melodrama soon, date unannounced. The play will be the highly publicized "The Drunkard." Characters, of which there are eighteen, 13 men and five girls, have not been cast.

Entire 31st, With Equipment Moves as First of Practice Maneuvers Comes By Verbal Order

Major General John C. Persons, 31st Division Commander, spoke a single word to Colonel F. W. Manley, Chief of Staff. Within two hours, the first units of the Division were moving through the gates of Camp Blanding. Five hours after that, the area was almost entirely deserted. The word which started a mass movement of twenty-thousand men last night was: "Rendezvous."

At seven-thirty o'clock, the verbal notice was given. Warning was flashed to all Brigade, Regimental and Battalion headquarters. With machine-like precision, each unit fell into its position, a column was formed, foot troops leading, and a Division of men moved into a new home in the dark.

All this was the result of six months of careful training. Each previous phase has been building toward this moment when the 31st Division could actually act as one single striking force. Teams of Battalions, Regiments and Brigades have worked together in order to learn the proper methods of moving masses of men. Command post exercises have trained men in staff work, moving of headquarters and communications.

The long, dark columns of trucks, slowly following masses of moving men, took five hours to pass, each heading for pre-arranged bivouac. Since last Wednesday at five o'clock, the Division has been on its toes, ready to jump off at "H" hour, the time for the first unit to roll.

The first notice of "Alert" was sent out Tuesday night at five o'clock, causing a flurry of packing, cleaning and preparation. All equipment was made as compact as possible, everything necessary being prepared for the movement.

Breakfast was served in the field, a check-up being made by inspecting officers to determine the success of the movement. Only one man knew the time or date of this grand scale action. That man was General Persons himself. He alone will know when the next one is due, and from this date on, the entire Division will remain ready.

This overnight movement was the opening of the final phase of training for the 31st at Blanding. All practice has been directed toward the Division acting as a single striking force, and the ultimate has been reached. This first trial will serve for experimental purposes, giving officers a chance to iron out difficulties and plan improvements.

Only a few guards remained in camp today, the units scheduled to return to camp after they have eaten in the field and inspections have been completed.

YOUR NEW DIXIE

The old DIXIE is dead; long live the new!

From a four page tabloid, your Division paper has sprung to a full sized, seven column publication. This step has been taken to insure every unit of the 31st their fair share of publicity. A larger staff has been appointed, and now each Regiment has a full time reporter. See him or call him if you think your outfit has been slighted.

It is his job to make certain that plenty of news from your unit reaches the Press Section, not only for the DIXIE, but for home town papers. He will do all in his power to see that you get as much publicity as possible.

Several new features and departments will be added, and any suggestions will be appreciated. The names of all members of the staff are listed in the masthead, located on the editorial page. Check the name of your reporter and contact him. Or you can call the Press Section at 240.

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Back in February, when pay-days hadn't been many and the Florida summer had not yet arrived to lend its warming influence, a soldier in the Anti-Tank Company, 155th Infantry was handed a telegram: "Come at once," it said, "an emergency."

Well, the boy finally scraped up enough money, after some hours, but then and there the rest of the company decided to be prepared for the next emergency of a similar nature that arose. Preparation was in the form of a special fund the boys began collecting among themselves almost immediately following the incident. They call it "The Emergency Leave Fund."

It was decided that each man should contribute 50 cents a month for three months. Payments began in March and now there is only one more payment to be met. So far only two members have had to utilize the money, for which the company is thankful, and it is at present a sizable sum.

Under mutual agreement of the company, the fund is handled by an appointed committee, and rules for governing the issuance of loans—for loans they are—are rigid, complete, concise; but nevertheless don't involve a lot of red tape, for prompt action at such times is desired above all things.

The committee simply checks the validity of the message urging the applicant home. To do this they wire the address for verification and if necessary the physician. Then the loan is made, to be paid back in terms agreeable to the applicant. At year's end the original payments will be given back to the donors.

To keep the thing altogether unbiased, they leave investigations to a group representing all the elements in the company: non-commissioned officers, privates, and when the new men came in, two selectees, for the trainees were thoroughly in sympathy with the idea.

This is a fine program these boys have planned. It has been a strain on no member of the company, yet all are protected. Cooperation and foresight such as this will save many a worried hour. Why don't more companies adopt this idea. And there are plenty of other ideas in operation around here. Send them to THE DIXIE and let us pass them along.

The entire Division, officers and enlisted men, can well be proud of the compliment printed on the front page of THE DIXIE. The Army is never one to spare the rod, any compliment is certain to be well deserved. When a general, commanding a full army corps, takes the time to write a letter commending a Division upon efficiency, it is worthy of notice. And Major General Persons paused in his duties to write a personal letter to the men of his command.



Masons at Blanding; Your Attention, Please

Members of the different Masonic Lodges represented here at Camp Blanding are invited to attend any of the meetings of the following lodges which are located near Blanding: Bradford Lodge No. 35, F. and A. M., at Starke, meets every second and fourth Monday night. Others are (save this schedule):

- Solomon—Jacksonville, 2nd and 4th Mondays.
- Temple—Jacksonville, 1st and 3rd Mondays.
- Callahan—Callahan, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
- Amelia—Fernandina, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
- Dawkins—Macclenny, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
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- Ribault—Jacksonville Beach, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

Bone Pulls Boner, Boone Gets Sweets

There's only an "o's" difference between a Bone and a Boone, but this cost Private Ralph E. Bone of the 124th Infantry a nice box of candy when he was recently confined to the Station Hospital. Bone's sister in Hollywood, Florida, sent him the sweets, but Private Randolph Boone, also of the 124th, received the gift by mistake while also a hospital patient. He also wrote a note of thanks to Bone's sister and requested her photograph and information as to how she knew of him. This week Private Bone met Private Boone, and the situation was clarified over a few Coca-Colas. However, Private Bone is insisting on a replacement of the misdelivered candy and says he will pick a bone with Boone if Boone doesn't get the sweets to Bone.

Soldiers Find Paint And Beautifuy Tents

Don't let them fool you . . . those white tents over in the third battalion, 167th Inf., aren't models for home lovers. They're just the tents of the Headquarters Detachment of the battalion whose members found a 55-gallon drum of white paint, and decided to make their quarters look more presentable.

Four Radio Stations Take to Air Waves

Four licensed amateur radio operators in Headquarters Company, 124th Infantry, have pooled their resources and set up three powerful radio transmitters, capable of reaching around the world, in one of the company tents. The transmitters are owned and operated by Sgt. Frank Hurlbert, license W4GLL; Pvt. Morris Cayer, license W4HKM; Pvt. Garrett Patrick, license W4GJM; and Pvt. Tom Applewhite, Jr., license W4BGR. The radio stations consist of two 75-watt and one 100-watt transmitters.

These "ham operators" invite anyone desiring to send a message either home or to friends anywhere in the United States or its possessions to contact them at the company and the service will be rendered. Also to any roving amateur eye that may read this story, if you want a contact or an outlet in Camp Blanding get in touch with W4HKM here, operating principally on 7-155 kilocycles.

Another Station In 116th
Another "ham," Staff Sergeant Maurice Cohen, Headquarters Battery, 116th Field Artillery, last week completed installation of his amateur station, W4ECJ, including two 40 foot masts supporting a 67 foot antenna, capable of sending to any point in the world. The station is located in his tent. Cohen offers the use of his station to soldiers wishing to get messages home, and many have taken advantage of his generosity. It is a very good way for soldiers to notify the folks when they are coming home, because passes aren't always definite until the last minute.

Pilfering Private Learns Better

It's a foolhardy soldier who attempts tricking Pfc R. G. Fuller, head cook at Battery D, 114th Infantry mess. Pfc Max Adams can attest this, for on wandering out of the kitchen with pilfered eggs in a coverall pocket, he suddenly found the egg yolk running down his left leg as a result of Fuller's closed fist maneuver to the place of concealment. When Pfc Adams remonstrated with Fuller, he was treated to an egg shampoo. Pfc Adams no longer takes liberties in Pfc Fuller's kitchen.

Family Custom

When 1st Lt. William D. Roby was transferred recently from Company "A" to commanding officer of Company "D," 167th Inf., he became the third generation and fourth member of his family to serve in the latter unit.

Lt. Roby's grandfather, J. A. Ogburn joined the company shortly after its organization during the War Between the States in 1861. A. J. Roby, the lieutenant's father, saw strike duty with the "Warrior Guards" just prior to the Spanish American War. John O. Roby, an elder brother saw service with the same outfit on the Mexican border in the spring of 1916.

They Walked Miles; And Missed Ride

Disappointment, says two K.P.'s in company A of the 156th Infantry, is a set of tired walking instruments and perspiration on the brow. Their story is truly one to move the hearts of the most stolid infantry sergeant. It was a nice day they caught, kp duty; but they had ambition. They had learned, thru channels, that the company was going on the field. So, with the speed of light, they whipped their packs together and were off with the other troops; but without instruction from the mess sergeant. When they arrived at the destination of the company on the field, the kitchen truck awaited them, with its burden of spuds and all things that go to make up a kp's surroundings—and duties. They were privates Ernest M. Davis and F. A. Cormier.

Sergt. Ira Pierce Paging Corp. Ira Pierce

Ira Pierce is looking for Ira Pierce!
That's true, believe it or not. Sergeant Ira Pierce of the 106th Medical Regiment hears that a Corporal Ira Pierce is also in Camp Blanding, and the sergeant is anxious to meet his namesake—or is the sergeant a namesake of the corporal? Holy smokes, this is getting more complicated all the time.

Still another coincidence is the fact that both non-coms are from Mississippi, the Sergeant hailing from Hattiesburg, and the corporal from—well, that's what Sergeant Pierce would like to know. Anyway, here's hoping the two Pierces get together.

106th Medical Sergeant Has Prize Classics

Are you a lover of classical music? Yes? Well, Technical Sergeant Leon K. Zaney of New Orleans, who is attached to Company D of the 106th Medical Regiment, may be able to help you.

Sergeant Zaney specializes in arias, operas, etc., and his collection of phonograph records is amazing. The genial sergeant wants to exchange some of his records for others that Camp Blanding soldiers may have. Not that Zaney doesn't like the ones he now has, but he thinks that perhaps the other boys would like to hear different tunes, too.

Another Mascot

Here we are with mascots again. But they always seem to be interesting. This particular one is another dog. He is big shot of Battery B, 114th Field Artillery. And the men in the battery think he's quite a number. Name's "Mis-sipp." He makes all the formations, falling in for calisthenics at reveille, retreat and all others, including inspections. He is quick to sound off when approaching strange feet are discovered. He is, by breed, mostly collie, otherwise, just dog; and became a member early in December of last year.

Selectees "Graduate," Get Diplomas, Dinner

The 56th Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters Battery National Guardsmen were hosts to the Battery's Selective Service recruits in their mess hall last Friday night. The occasion was the "graduation" of the selectees, and the 56th's commander, Brigadier General Sumter L. Lowry, Jr., was the special guest for the banquet.

Field rations or no field rations, there was fried chicken, green peas, buns, and other delicacies including the traditional ice cream and cake. During the program that followed the dinner, the Selectees were "graduated" and there was a reading of their "last will and testament" as well as a presentation of "diplomas"—two-line jingles written on sheets of paper. One Selectee received a special reward for his "tiring efforts" during recent weeks, a "gold brick." "I've been framed," he cried. Addresses were made by several officers, including General Lowry.

Dixie Dentists Doing Rush Job

From the way the customers are piling into the dental clinic here, army dentistry is good business. This house, serving the 31st Division and the Station Complement is completely outfitted with 24 dental units, 1 X-Ray and its own heating and hot water equipment.

Since the opening of the place about a month ago the clinic has done an astonishing amount of work. The first two weeks a total of 602 admissions were made, of which 398 were routine and 204 emergency. And if you want more figures: there were 893 sittings in the two weeks, 890 fillings, 321 extractions, 154 examinations, 162 gum treatments and 401 scalings. (If you get what we mean!)

Captain E. M. Blackburn, of Jackson, Mississippi is in charge of the staff of dentists.

He Thought It Reville; It Was Only Taps

Private Norman E. Eastmore of Headquarters Battery, 56th Field Artillery Brigade, no longer believes in the old adage "early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." His former belief in this Franklin proverb made a fool out of him the other night.

He had gone to bed with the chickens, as it were, and when taps blew at 10:30 his tentmates roused him urging him to "get a wiggle on" or he would be late for reveille. The sleepy-eyed private jumped up, looked at the clock and, sure enough, it indicated 5:45. Eastmore rushed to the latrine to wash up and shave and on returning to the battery street was perplexed to find it empty. Entering his tent he found his "buddies" in bed, doubled up with laughter. "Well," remarked the chagrined Eastmore, "I at least had the latrine all to myself for once."

New Recreation Center For Soldiers at Palatka

A recreation center announced by the chamber of commerce of Palatka is sponsored by this organization for soldiers of Camp Blanding. The center is equipped with writing rooms with stationery, games and other club facilities. It is located on the first floor of the Welch Building on South Second Street, just off the main business street. The American Legion Auxiliary furnishes hostesses. Men passing through or stopping in Palatka are cordially invited to spend their leisure time there.

"Roll Your Own," Says Sad Private

"A stitch in time, sometimes doesn't save nine," Private First Class Ralph West, Company D, 155th Infantry, will paraphrase the axiom. "Or more to the point," he will add, "roll your own pack."

These astounding conclusions were drawn after the parade Saturday when he borrowed the Supply Sergeant's already prepared pack rather than roll his own.

He was confined to quarters for having a dirty roll—and had to wash it.

His own was clean.

Artillery Choir Trips to Gainesville

The choir of the 114th Field Artillery, comprising thirty-eight men, are in Gainesville this afternoon visiting places of interest in the college city. This is the regular custom of the choir, and each time they choose a different Florida site for their visitation and sight-seeing.



Just as an example of how hard real news is to get sometimes, let me cite the case of Land versus deadline. Our young satellite of the reporter world, Edmund J. Land, no other, was assigned the job of finding some real news before time to put the last of the copy into the paper. With a determined look, a deep pay of paper and hope in his heart, the lad plunged into the depths of the 156th Infantry Regiment. Time passed. No Land. The Press Section became worried. Phone calls brought negative results. A searching party returned without the object of their trip, exhausted and their supplies gone. The editor became harried, the deadline was nigh but the reporter wasn't. At the last moment, the newshound appeared. In his sweaty hand, a tattered bit of paper was clutched firmly. It was rushed to the composing room—and now the contents are listed for public consumption: quote—The boys of the 156th swing band want their names in the paper. I don't know what they do besides swing, but here they are: end quote. He then proceeded to give a list of names of the members.

In again—it certainly is nice to see the interest some of the people in the outside world take in our army training. The latest suggestion for our welfare comes from Joseph Lahey, Coral Gables, Fla. In a letter to General Persons, Mr. Lahey, complained that every time he picked up a magazine, all he saw was soldiers using their duty hours to compe the lengths of cigarettes. His idea is to have the general make up a small card for each man, giving the exact measurements of every smoke on the market. He claims that this solution will save several thousand work hours.

Try this one soldier! Pvt. Jimmy Crews, Hq. Co., Special Troops, was in St. Augustine, firmly clutching a lamp post on a passing corner. His face was well surrounded by a gloomy look—as well it might since he had only fifty centavos within his purse, and a kind hearted old lady, relaxing on a bench nearby, could stand the strain no longer. She wiked up to the disheartened Private. "Here sonny," she said, "this is what you need." The stranger then proceeded to hand the flabbergasted soldier a dollar. Think you can look sad enough?

The 106th Engineers are soon going to swamp Florida Society. They are preparing to invade dances nearby with all the latest steps firmly stored in their repertoire. Two nights per week the clan gathers, pairs off, and under the supervision of teachers, swing gaily across the floor.

"Business is fine," reports Sgt. Harry Burnette, Hq. Btry. 1st Bn., 116th Field Artillery. A pressing need brought about the nice little pressing business he has started within his own outfit. It seems that he is soon to be a Pop.

Lt. Bush, 167th Infantry had a taste of the sterling courage of some of the men in his Regiment the other day. Several enlisted men came filing past the spot where the officer was wrestling with a yowling musette bag. "Help me with this wildcat, fellows," requested the Lt. They backed away. Slipping the buckles loose, he pushed in a hand. They prepared for a hurried exit. The Lieutenant brought forth the still screaming object. It was a piece of dry ice. The noises were made by a physio-chemical phenomenon.

It's bad when a sentry goes to sleep on post. It's worse when a squad gets completely lost on purpose. But when an entire company oversleeps—well—it's pretty bad anyway. That's what happened to Anti-Tank Company of the 156th Infantry. On a recent maneuver, someone neglected to post guards and the entire outfit dreamed through reveille, breakfast and on into the day. But they were punished. The trucks, scheduled to pick them up, missed the entire unit and they had to walk home.

One of the Division's youngest sons is probably also one of the highest paid privates. In addition to being a first; and third, he gets twenty dollars for working at the Division Theatre. This makes a total of seventy six per. And he is only fifteen years past birth at present.

Gee—would we like to be where Corporal Claude McGee, Hq. Det., 1st Bn., 155th Infantry spent his past year before joining this hiking club. He was one of the two male students at an exclusive girls institution. It really embarrasses him these days when he sees a bunch of boys running around in shorts. The lucky guy even made a school tour to Miami one time with the femmes. The school, if anyone wants to enroll, was Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Add swell cracks: 1st Lt. Alfred B. Marshall's statement when he returned from a recent overnight bivouac in the nearby piney woods. "In addition to other duties, a couple of ticks have been attached to me for rations and quarters."

THEATER MEMO

SATURDAY, MAY 17: Double Feature, "STREET OF MEMORIES" featuring John McGuire, Lynne Roberts, and Guy Kibbee; "MEET THE WILDCAT" featuring Ralph Bellamy, Margaret Lindsey, Joseph Schildkraut, and Allen Jenkins.

SUNDAY and MONDAY, MAY 18 & 19: "HUDSON'S BAY" featuring Paul Muni and Gene Tierney. Also Popeye the Sailor and Paramount News.

TUESDAY, MAY 20: "TRAIL OF THE VIGILANTES" featuring Franchot Tone, Warren William, Andy Devine, and Mischa Auer. Also Terrytoon, RKO Pathe News, and Cookoo Cavaliers.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, MAY 21 & 22: "MR. and MRS. SMITH" featuring Robert Montgomery, Carole Lombard, and Gene Raymond. Also Traveltalk and Paramount News.

FRIDAY, MAY 23: "A NIGHT AT EARL CARROLL'S" featuring Ken Murray, Carroll Naisch and Brenda and Cobina. Also Color feturette, Shark Hunting, and Nature's Nursery.

SATURDAY, MAY 24: Double Feature: "THE SAINT IN PALM SPRINGS" featuring George Sanders and Wendy Barrie; "PRIDE OF THE BOWER" featuring Leo Gorcey and Bobby Jordan. Also Phantasy Cartoon.

As The Dixie Division Stepped Out

Dixie Review Complete Success

More than 2,000 visitors from Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, the four home states of the Dixie Division, viewed the "all out" parade last Saturday. The review was the largest seen in the South since the World War period and lasted two hours. National Guards and Selective Service trainees numbering over 18,000 marched or rode side by side during the course of the 36 mile long parade, which included the display of over 2,000 Army vehicles assigned to the Division. The reviewing stand was located on Florida Avenue (C Road) in front of Division Headquarters, and the parade passed along this route then turned left to Maine Avenue (D Road) and returned to the respective regiments.

Six military bands filled the air with martial music, and, by coincidence, the nearest band was playing a medley composed of "Dixie" and "Suwannee River" as General Persons and Governor of Florida Spessard L. Holland arrived and entered the reviewing stand. Two infantry brigade bands were afoot, while the other four rode. The 106th Engineers' band created a sensation as they rode by in a pontoon, a boat-like contrivance on wheels used by the Engineers in water tactics.

In the red, white and blue decorated reviewing stand was a galaxy of political and military notables, including Governor Holland of Florida; Governor Frank M. Dixon of Alabama; Governor Paul B. Johnson of Mississippi; Major General Albert H. Blanding (retired), former Dixie commander, for whom the camp was named; Major General Morris B. Payne, 43rd Division head; Lieutenant General Herbert J. Brees, Third Army commander from San Antonio, Texas; and Brigadier Generals Vivien Collins, Raymond H. Fleming, Thomas J. Grayson, and Ben M. Smith, who are the Adjutant Generals of Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama respectively. General Persons and his staff were in the stand.

The former Dixie Commander, General Blanding, was pleased with the showing made by his old command. "It was a grand show," he complimented.

A special tower for use by the visiting press photographers and newsmen was erected across the street from the reviewing stand. Facilities for the convenience of the many guests were provided and many ate a meal or two in the various mess halls. Many spent Saturday night with the troops, learning first hand about Army life.

The parade was given to demonstrate the training progress made by the Division. Many of Saturday's visitors and many additional guests were present Sunday, Mothers' Day, and all regiments had special church services and programs commemorating that event.

Regimental History To Be Compiled

Arrangements were completed this week by General Persons and Colonel Homer Hesterly, division and 116th Field Artillery commanders respectively, to publish a volume depicting the history and activities of the 116th, a Florida unit.

Pictures and stories of the officers and men of the regiment will appear in the "year book," which will be printed by the Army and Navy Publishing Company in New Orleans, La. Under a special arrangement, ten percent of the gross sales will go to the battery funds.

Non-Com Club

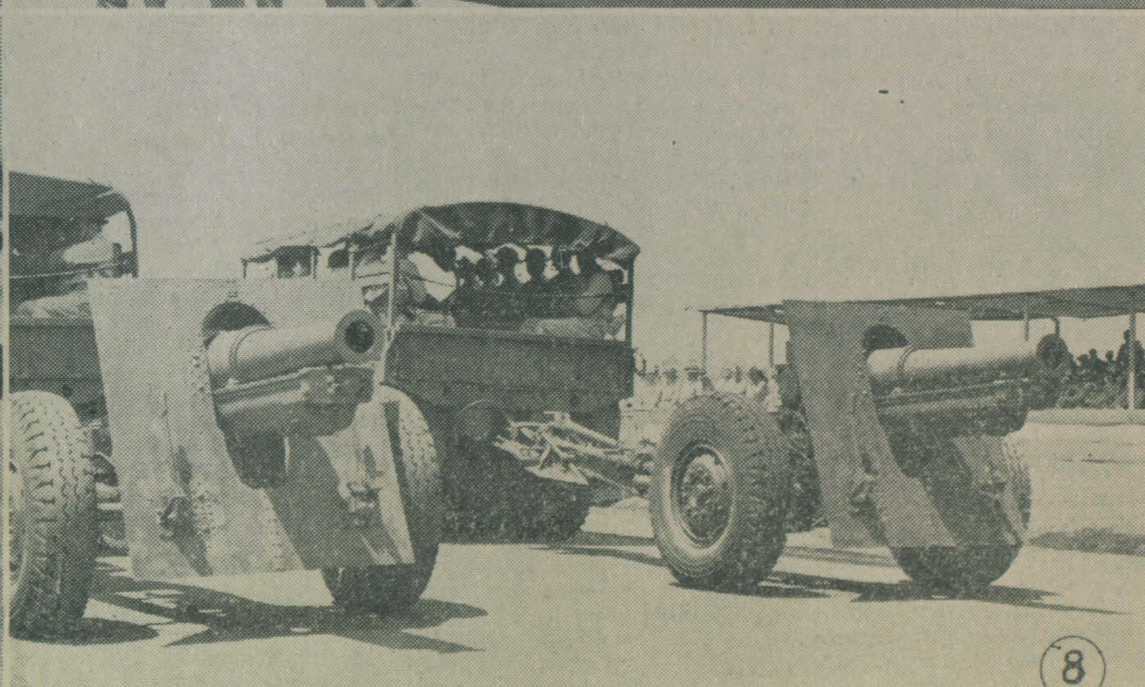
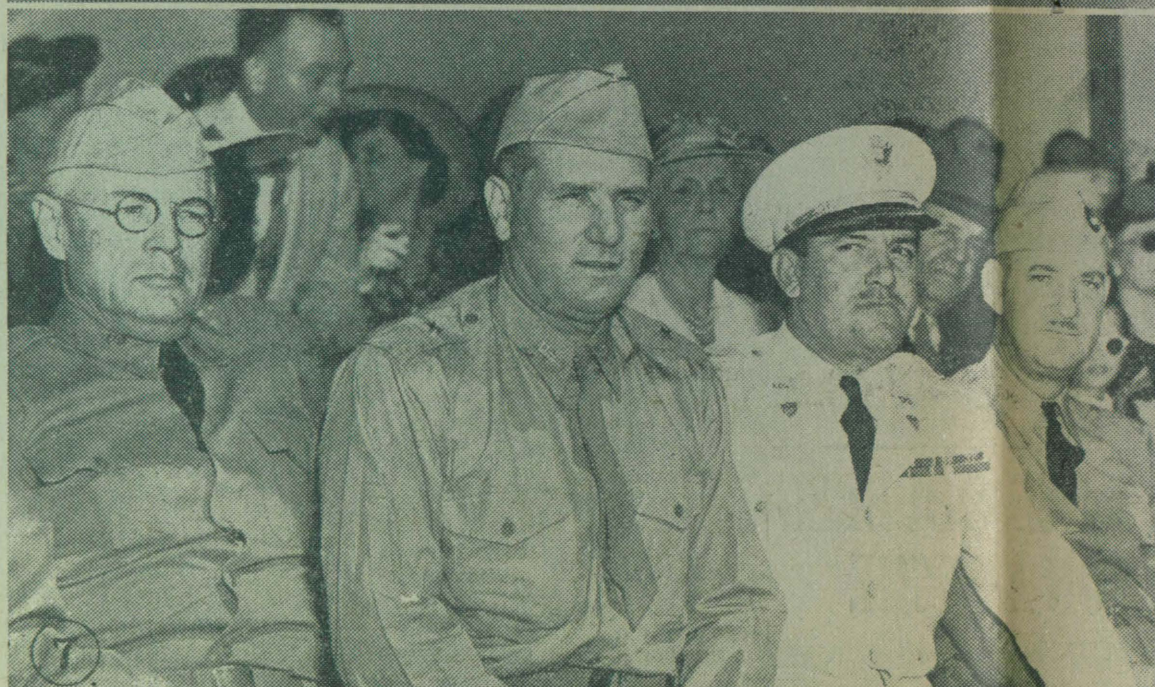
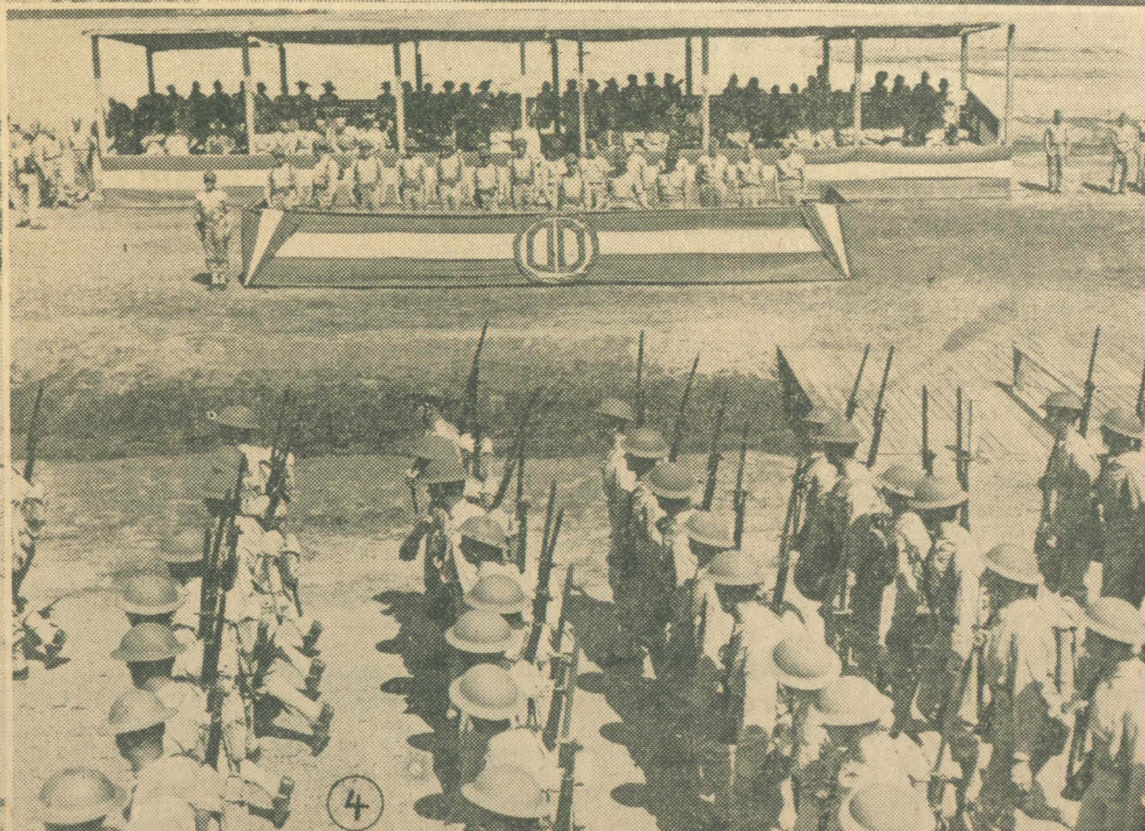
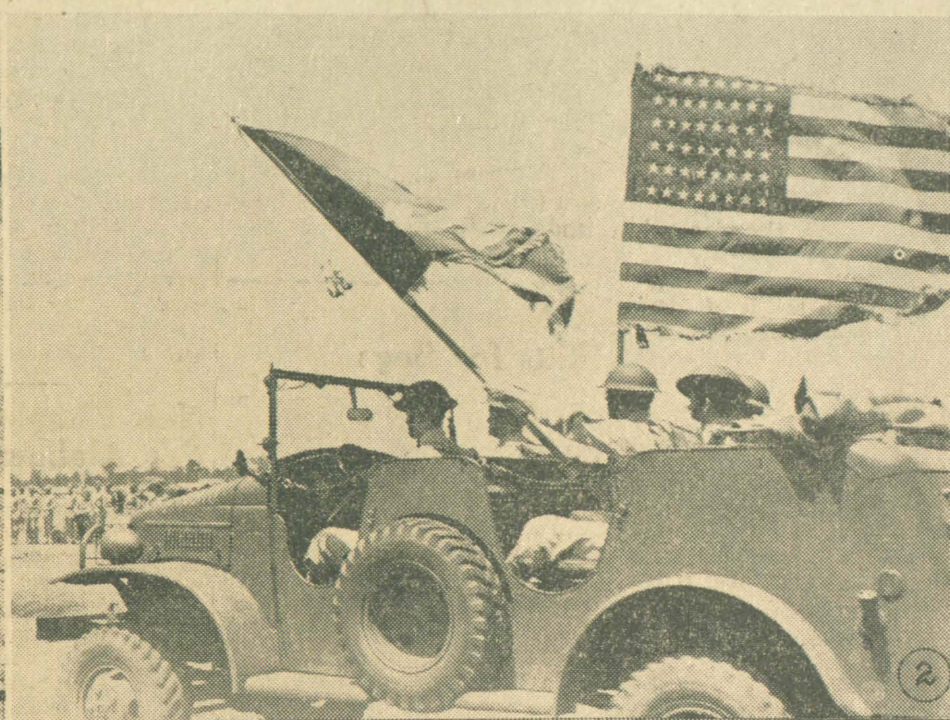
The non-coms of Co. L, the 156th Infantry last week formed a club, unnamed as yet, with Sgt. Joel H. Aycock as president. With recently made additions they number 34.

The organization has for its purpose, primarily, to raise company funds and for the guidance of social activities.

Other officers named at the first meeting were Sgt. Hubert K. Futch, vice-president and Corp. Charles P. Martin, Sec.-Treas.

1,800 Song Books For 156th Inf.

Army song books containing 67 selections, 1,800 of them, just received in the 156th Infantry will be distributed soon. Chaplains Lt. Storey and Lt. Keown will give them out.



Like a huge serpent (No. 1) more than 19,000 troops of the Thirty First (Dixie) Division from Southern States are shown as they paraded before their commanding officer, Maj. Gen. John C. Persons, and a group of distinguished guests May 10, at Camp Blanding. It was the first time the division had moved as a full-strength division since entering camp several months ago. The column was 36 miles long and took almost two hours to pass the reviewing stand.

No. 2. A regimental flag tipped in salute to officers and the Stars and Stripes waving on high, 11 regiments passed before the reviewing stand. No. 3. Part of over 2,000 vehicles that made up mechanized units of the division. No. 4. The reviewing stand in the background, infantrymen led the parade. No. 5. Governor Dixon of Alabama, Johnson of Mississippi, Holland of Florida, Lieut. Gen. Albert H. Blanding, retired, whose name the camp bears, and Maj. Gen. Morris B. Payne, commanding officer of the Forty-Third Division, witness the movement. No. 6. Maj. Gen. John C. Persons (left), commanding officer of the troops, is shown with Lieut. Gen. Herbert J. Brees, commander of the Third Army, and Maj. Gen. Jay L. Benedict, commander of the Fourth Corps Headquarters.

No. 7. Four adjutant generals were also on hand. They are, left to right: Brig. Gen. Vivian B. Collins, Florida; Brig. Gen. Ray Fleming, Louisiana; Brig. Gen. Thomas Grayson, Mississippi, and Brig. Gen. Ben Smith of Alabama. Bringing up the rear of the parade was artillery units. Two 155mm. howitzers are shown in No. 8.

Inside Workings

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means of communications; reports and messages; installation and operation of field telephones; visual signals; establishment and

operation of observation posts; identification of military aircraft; appearance and activities of different arms; collection, evaluation and interpretation, and dissemination of information; examination of enemy personnel; scouting and patrolling; and,

counterintelligence. Information of the enemy and terrain is gathered by the intelligence scouts by reconnaissance, and from observation posts, and is sent back through the various echelons to the division G-2. This information and information obtained by the G-2 from higher

quarters is evaluated and interpreted, and disseminated throughout the command. In this way the commanders of the various echelons are informed of the enemy situation as it develops and they are enabled to make their plan of action. Even though the intelligence

men are the ones primarily charged with the duty of collecting information—all troops play an important part in the whole scheme of intelligence. All soldiers should report anything they discover about the enemy so that it can be sent to higher headquarters. The intelligence picture developed at higher head-

quarters is composed of small items that may seem unimportant to the unit reporting them. Negative information is highly important. The fact that no enemy activity is observed in a given area may be a valuable clue.

Highly Publicized 81mm. Mortar Gets Test By 31st Infantry

The Army's new and much publicized 81mm mortar field piece began to roar on the artillery range of Camp Blanding this week for the first time when the heavy weapons companies of the 124th and 155th Infantry regiments began firing.

Satisfaction was expressed by officers and gunners as well, on the mobility, accuracy and effectiveness of the light cannon, despite the fact that undersized shells were used in the practice shooting.

A new type sight attachment has added much to the efficiency in aiming, and hitting the mark came easier, officers said. The old-type 3-inch Stokes mortar shells were fired with plenty of hits.

The new gun will hurl a 6.5 pound projectile 3,290 yards and a 15.05 pound shell 1,275 yards. The new type shell is stabilized in flight by fins and is propelled by burning powder rings, similar to the operation of a rocket in flight. Bursting radius of the light shell is about 30 yards and of the heavy, approximately 40.

This gun carries the effect of both the 75mm and the 105mm, in the two type shells used, the small shell being equal to the 75 and large ones to the 105. Short ranges of between 300 and 550 yards were used in the initial practice.

Telephone Linesmen Finds Ancient Gun

Private William Nichols is now armed with a double-barrelled, flint-locked, muzzle loader.

Nichols found the antiquated piece while laying telephone wire with Headquarters Company, 167th Infantry, during a field maneuver. He says he'll carry it with him on all field trips.

The gun is thought to be a relic of the Seminole Wars fought in this vicinity.

Hawaii to Blanding, But Still In Tropics

From the regular army on the Hawaiian Islands to a spot with the 106th Engineers in Camp Blanding is the jump taken by Private Carl T. Motes of Palatka, Fla.

Motes has been in Uncle Sam's land forces 28 months, almost 2 and a half years, and yet when a roving reporter ran across Carl, he was turning over dirt with a lot of privates near the Induction Center. But that is Motes' wish. When he first came to Blanding, Carl was placed in the equipment and medical corps, but he asked to be transferred to the engineers.

Motes is 24 years of age, and joined the Army at the age of 20. He likes it, and has been in Blanding since March 21. He is one of the engineers who are hard at work building tennis and volley-ball courts, softball diamonds, etc., for the use of the engineers.

Old Clothes, Magazines Turn Up On Inspection

Staff Sgt. Carl L. Tucker of the Service Battery, 2nd Battalion, 114th F. A. can well attest to the thoroughness of Federal inspections, which were recently held in his regiment. On being told of dirty clothes and old magazines evident in his tent, the sergeant quipped: "They are dirty clothes and old magazines which even I didn't know I had."

Birds Nest in Cannon; Doves of Peace?

A new use for the ancient cannon which decorates the lawn in front of the quarters of Brig. Gen. Sumter L. Lowry, Jr., commanding officer of the 56th F. A. Brigade, has been found by a few enterprising bluebirds. At the mouth of the heavy weapon the ambitious birds have constructed a neat nest of small sticks and grass, and there they reside, knowing full well that no projectiles will ever disturb their placid existence.

Doesn't Like Night Problems

Pvt. Joe Shelfo, Service Co., 156th Inf., doesn't like night problems.

While he was out on a recent night problem, Pvt. Shelfo received not one but two visitors and both of them pretty girls.

NOTICE

LOST—Brown leather wallet containing valuable papers and five dollars in cash somewhere in the vicinity of Highway 68 on CPX May 7. Finder will please return wallet to Corp. James (Rusty) Kinsaul, Headquarters Battery, second battalion, 117th F. A., and receive reward.

Comrades Salute As Buddy Weds

Beneath bared bayonets and crossed rifles, Pvt. Wilmer J. Fouquier, Co. E, 156th Infantry, and Miss Elizabeth James, Jacksonville, were married May 3 in one of the Thirty-First Division's first military weddings.

The couple were pronounced man and wife on the company street of the Jeanerette, La. unit by Lt. William J. Keown, Catholic Chaplain of the Regiment. Sgt. Jerry Gonsoulin acted as "best man" and the 156th band played processional and recessional numbers for the ceremonies.

New Chaplain For Alabams

1st Lt. Samuel M. Hughes, of Inman, S. C. reported for duty as assistant Chaplain, 167th Infantry Tuesday.

"I am delighted that I have been assigned to such a regiment as the 167th with its traditions and colorful history," the Chaplain stated Thursday. "I've found a wonderful spirit of cooperation prevails among the officers and men of the regiment and am looking forward to my association with them."

Mothers Heard Broadcast Sunday

A Mothers' Day broadcast from the Jacksonville Journal station was heard Sunday night from 9:30 to 10:00 p. m. The program consisted of an address by Col. O. W. McNeese, Division Public Relations Officer, and a play written by Lawrence Whitney Morel, directed and produced by Nina V. Probeti. The drama depicted a boy's love for his mother inspiring him to seek a military career, thus developing into a sturdy American and winning the admiration of his friends. The program was broadcast on a national hook-up and it is estimated that it reached three fourths of the nation's mothers.

116th Soldiers To Make Trip

A convoy of Army trucks from the 116th Field Artillery will take several hundred men of that regiment to St. Augustine and the Marine Studios Sunday for a recreational trip. Points of historical, educational and pleasure interest will be visited. The day long trip will begin at eight o'clock A. M.

"Sleeping Out" For Punishment

Selectee Frederick Jaeger of Orlando, Fla., attached to Headquarters Battery of the 56 F. A. Brigade, will think twice before "taking off" without due permission from the authorities. Pvt. Jaeger was overcome by nostalgia last week-end and journeyed to his home sector for a pleasant stay. On his return he was promptly sentenced to spend a week sleeping in a pup tent outside of his quarters and trying his hand at "KP" for the same period. His mates are waging that he doesn't "take off" any more.

Checker Champ Issues Challenge

After beating everything that's come up against him in the 31st Division, Pvt. Theodore Freese, 156th Infantry bandsman and former city checker champion of New Orleans, has issued a challenge to all 43rd Divisioners who would like a red-hot game.

A theoretical camp championship is at stake, declares Freese.

ACTOR IN 124TH ONCE DOUBLED FOR MOVIE STAR, DON AMECHE

If ever a moving picture company selects Camp Blanding as a site for a military news reel or drama, they can find an actor who has been through the paces in the person of selective service private Charles F. Green of Company D, 124th Infantry. Private Green was inducted into the ranks at the start of what might have been—and what he hopes will be—a career in Hollywood.

Private Green, 23, who was a life guard at the fashionable Patricia Hotel at Miami Beach, appeared in the 20th-Century-Fox picture "Moon Over Miami," which will be released for national distribution this Fall. The movie will star Don Ameche, Robert Cummings and Betty Grable, and Green's role was as a double for Ameche in surf riding and diving, at which the new infantryman is particularly adept. Both McCracken came on from Hollywood to direct the Miami scenes.

Previous to this experience,



114th Softball Season Opens

The 114th Field Artillery Softball League, which started an eight weeks' schedule Wednesday afternoon under the direction of Lt. John D. Johnston, new recreational director, got under way with three contests in the 1st Battalion League and three in the 2nd Battalion League. The winners of each division will meet at the end of the intra-battalion competition to determine the regimental champion. The results of Wednesday's games follow:

First Battalion League:
Reg. HQ Btry. 18, Btry G, 7
Serv. Btry. 1st Bn. 10, Btry C, 5
HQ 1st Bn. 6, Med. Det. 5
Second Battalion League
HQ 2nd Bn. 17, Serv. Btry 8
Btry. H. 9, Btry. D 2.
Btry. F 10, Btry. G 3

Fencing Classes Free At YMCA Tuesday

The American Legion Recreation Hall located on West Call Street in Starke, announces fencing classes will be held every Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9:00 o'clock. J. J. Nuttall, supervisor, invites all service men interested in studying or merely practicing fencing to attend. There is no charge of any kind and a skilled instructor is on hand to teach the class. Soldiers are invited to spend their leisure time at the center, which is staffed by the W. P. A. as part of the National Defense Program.

Undefeated Company Protects Record

Undefeated in 16 starts, the baseball team of Co. I, 156th Infantry won again last Wednesday afternoon from Co. L of the same regiment, 4-1 on the regimental playing grounds.

Pitcher Brady Foreman of the winning team allowed his opponents only one hit in the game.

Runs for Co. I were made by Pfc. Charles Nicholson, Pfc. Emile Werner, Pfc. Brady Foreman and Pfc. Winston J. Simon.

"Gorilla" Gunner Uses Teeth in Pinch

Private John D. "Gorilla" Cook, 29, has a firm hold on the "shortest soldier at Camp Blanding" title. He is five feet, one inch in height. Cook is in Headquarters Battery, Second Battalion, 116th Field Artillery.

He picked up the name "Gorilla" during his high school football days at Bartow, Fla. In one game an opponent was "roughing" him quite a bit, unnoticed by the referee. Finally Cook took matters in his own teeth and bit his tormentor. The referee noticed this, called Cook a gorilla, and ordered him out of the game. "Gorilla" is a gunner in the anti-tank platoon and likes this work better than any other duty in the regiment, he says.

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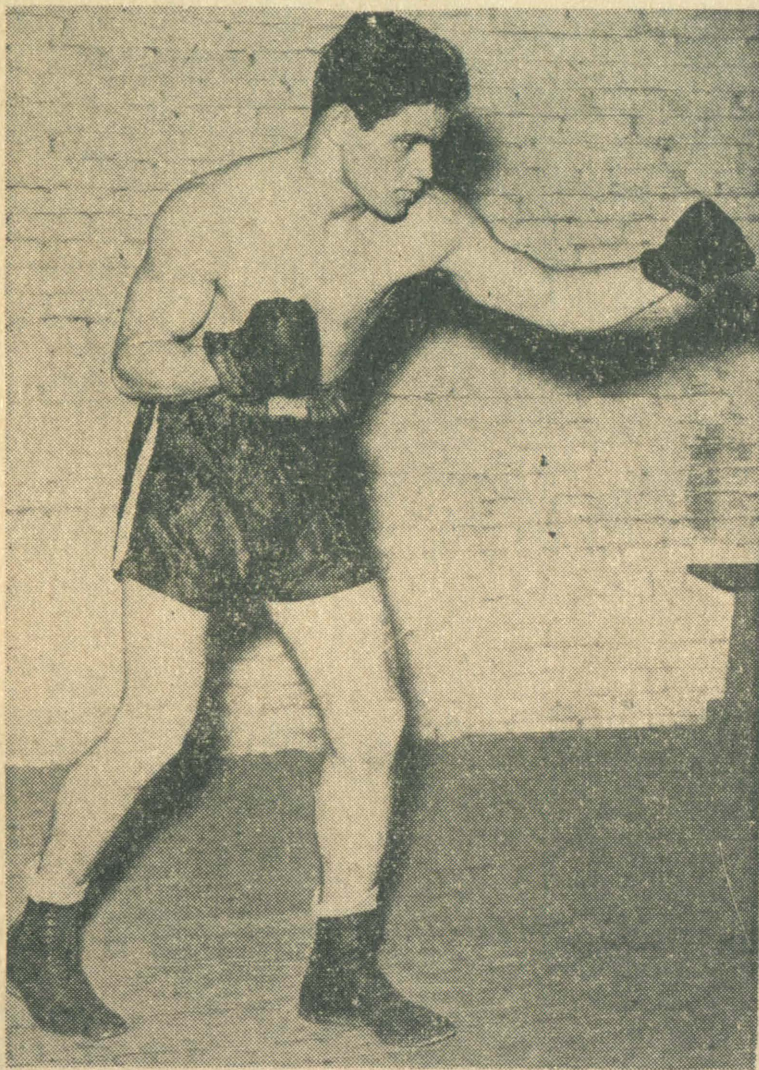
LOST—Wallet containing social security card and other papers on a maneuver, May 13-14. Pvt. Simon M. Parker, Co. G, 124th Inf.

The very best letter you can send home is a copy of THE DIXIE—do it today.

DIXIE DIVISION SPORTS



GOMEZ



Dixie's 180 pounds of right hand dynamite, meaning Private Tommy Gomez, is working out daily in preparation for his coming fight with Lou Thomas of Indianapolis at Benjamin Field in Tampa May 23rd. The pride of the 116th Field Artillery is continuing daily workouts, keeping an eye on his knockout string, run in in the past several months. Gomez is touted as one of the outstanding prospects in the scramble for Joe Louis' heavyweight crown, bringing national fistic honors to this camp. Manager Peter Lito has him tapering off at present, considering the fighter in top-notch shape, due to the recent workouts in preparation for the scheduled Army-Navy fights.

Co. E, 155th, Wins

Company E, 155th Infantry, divided a double-header softball game Saturday with Company B, 156th Infantry. The first game was won by the 155th players, 12 to 4, the Louisiana unit winning the second game 6 to 4.

Medicos Shine In All Sports

They go in strong for sports in the 106th Medical Regiment, and especially is this true of Companies "D," "H" and "I." This regiment is fairly alive with volley-ball stars, tennis and golf players, and boxers.

Especially is Company I proud of its volley-ballers. By night and day, whenever possible, the boys play and practice, and they are anxious to get matches with outside regiments. The team is composed of players from the First Battalion. In the lineup are all Hattiesburg, Miss., boys—Captain Rod Jenkins, Sergeant Burford Branon, Sergeant Gordon Black, Corporal Joe Walters, Private First Class Bernie Wilks, Private First Class Beryl Herod, and Private James Thomas.

Then in boxing, the Medics claim a promising prospect in 140-pound Sergeant Burford Branon. Sergeant Branon bars no fighter his weight, but his mates say they are not so sure the good sergeant can beat a lad who is now in the hospital—unless said lad stays in the hospital.

Sergeant Black is fond of and very capable at golf and tennis. He would like to arrange golf tournaments with other companies and regiments, and Black says he and Sergeant Branon would like to display their tennis technique against other doubles teams.

The Company "D" indoor baseball team challenges all comers, and the squad particularly wants to play teams of other regiments.

Twin-Triplet

When is a twin a triplet? When he's Corporal Lamar Triplett of the Service Battery, 2nd Battalion, 114th Field Artillery. Corp. Triplett, who hails from Decatur, Miss., is 22 and has a twin sister back home. His battery mates call him "Twin" "Trip" and "Twin-Trip," and he answers to all of them.

Unusual photographs of general interest about Dixie enlisted men are wanted by THE DIXIE. Send or bring them to the 31st Division Press Section.

Close Ball Game Ends, 6 to 5

Company M defeated Company F in the 167th Infantry Monday afternoon in a close 6 to 5 baseball game, thanks to Company M's first sergeant, Edward King, who made four runs on four hits in four trips to the plate.

Get Your Gun! The Skeets Are Coming!

Soldier, get your gun! The Jacksonville Gun Club, through its president, Mr. Lester Varn, has extended an invitation to the personnel of the 31st Division to engage in trap and skeet shooting with the members of the club without fees and charges.

Shooting will be done on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Those interested are advised to contact Mr. Varn at the Atlantic National Bank Building.

Co. G, 156th, Loses To Hq. Det., 11-9

Bolstered by a battery of former selectees, the baseball team of Headquarters Detachment, 2nd Bn., 156th Infantry, staged an eighth-inning rally Sunday afternoon to beat a team from Co. G, 156th Inf., score 11-9, at the regimental ball grounds.

The game was won in the last half of the eighth inning when the New Orleans boys scored five runs to bring the score from 9-6 for the Co. G men to the final tally in their favor. Pitcher for the winning team was Pfc. Douglas Ruello, catcher, Pfc. Albert E. Blandon.

Soldiers May Fish Without a License

Camp Blanding soldiers may fish in this, Clay, county without a license, according to Florida's Attorney General, J. Tom Watson, who was present at the "all out" review last Saturday. Under present Florida laws, residents of a county do not need a license to fish in the home county. A license is necessary for fresh water fishing in other counties, however.

Attorney General Watson ruled a few months ago, as reported in "Florida Game and Fish" magazine, that men in training in Florida were to be classed as



residents, since their presence is required for at least a year.

A soldier may fish in any county where he is stationed without a license and should he prefer to fish in another county he needs only to purchase the state fishing license for \$2.25, which is the same price charged Florida residents. The license is obtainable from any county judge. The nearest one is Bradford County Judge E. K. Perryman at Starke, with offices in the courthouse, or they can be purchased at Jacksonville, Green Cove Springs, Lake Butler, or Gainesville.

The black bass season is closed by law until May 20, but there is no state-wide closed season on other fresh water fish. No county near Blanding has local closed seasons on fish of any variety as do some counties in the state.

156th Duckwalks Get Musical Names

Shades of Old New Orleans. Men of Headquarters Co., 156th Infantry, from the Crescent City, have named the duckwalks on their company street after famous New Orleans streets. They are respectively . . . Music St., South Rampart St., St. Roch Avenue, Orleans Avenue, Basin St., and St. Louis St.

There's only one thing missing. They have no Canal street, the most famous of them all.

Notary

Anyone in need of a Notary Public's services need only to contact Private First Class Charles S. Traylor, Company "A", 124th Infantry. He is a Notary Public, State of Florida, at large.

Co. E. Victorious, 6-2, Over Co. F, In 156th

A baseball team from Co. E, 156th Inf., defeated a team from Co. F, of the same regiment, 6-2 Sunday afternoon in the regimental playing area.

The winning battery was made up of Pvt. W. "Tut" Foqua, pitcher, and Pvt. M. Clark, catcher.

Co. D, 167th, Keeps Record Clear

The undefeated softball team of "D" company, 167th Inf., won another game Monday defeating Anti-Tank of the same regiment by a score of 6 to 1.

The "D" company men have issued a challenge to "any outfit that thinks they can play softball."

Governor Holland Honors Bartow Men

The Bartow, Florida, men in Headquarters Battery, 116th Field Artillery, felt signally honored during the parade Saturday morning. As they passed the reviewing stand Governor of Florida Spessard L. Holland stood up and waved to them. This was the only time the Governor arose, except when colors were passing. Bartow is the Governor's hometown. His private secretary, Ralph Davis, who was also in the reviewing stand, was a former member of the battery.

5 Selectees Receive Promotions In 156th

Five men assigned to the headquarters detachment, 2nd Bn., 156th Infantry, through selective service, have been promoted since finishing their basic training period. They are Privates Douglas Ruello, Albert E. Blandon, James L. Giangrossa, Nicholson Rizzo, promoted to Private First Class. The other was Pvt. Frederick W. Boelte, promoted to Corporal.

Jewish Welfare Board To Hold Services

In the absence of a Rabbi at Camp Blanding the Jewish Welfare Board of Jacksonville has arranged to hold religious services for Jewish soldiers at the camp each Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. The services will be at the Special Troops Recreation hall of the 43rd Division.

Do you know an interesting bit of news? If so, give it to your regimental or company reporter for next week's DIXIE.